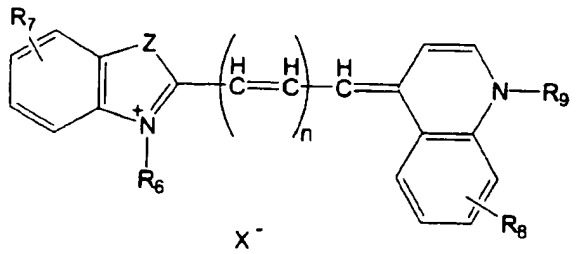
Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 16 and concluding at page 11, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

(11) Compounds having the general formula:



wherein, R6 represents a hydrogen atom or alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; R7 and R8 represent hydrogen atoms, alkyl groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or alkoxy groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms; R9 represents a hydrogen atom, acyl group, or alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; Z represents a carbon atom having an alkyl group with 1 to 3 carbon atoms, a sulfur atom, or an oxygen atom~~, or carbon atoms~~; n represents 0, 1, or 2; and X represents an anion.)

Please replace the fifth full paragraph on page 11 (lines 25-31) with the following amended paragraph (N.B. this amendment removes the inadvertent underlining of the words "Japan Photosensitive Dye Research Center"):

Among these dyes, (1) is commercially available, (2) and (3) are available from ~~Japan Photosensitive Dye Research Center~~ Japan Photosensitive Dye Research Center, and (5) through (9) are available from Molecular Probes, Inc. Dye (10) can be manufactured by the method described in United States Patent No. 5,821,127. Dye (11) can be manufactured by the method described in United States Patent No. 6,004,816.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 16 (lines 6-10) with the following amended paragraph:

In this formula, R10 represents an alkyl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms or (C_6H_5)-CH_2-; R11, R12, and R13 represent the same or different alkyl groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms or benzyl groups~~ having 1 to 3 carbon atoms~~; and Y represents a halogen ion.